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"ANTI-FOREIGN."

"STRANGE REPORT FROM CANTON."

DEMONSTRATION TO-MORROW?

Moves to organise an anti-
Christian and anti-foreign demon-
stration in Canton to-morrow are
said to be disavowed by the Pro-
vincial Government.

The demonstration, or proces-
sion—about which word has
reached the Canton authorities—
may be the predecessor of some-
thing promised for Christmas for
which a certain section had plan-
ned things on a fairly extensive
scale.

It may also be that the prepara-
tions for to-morrow—and there
certainly have been signs that
the organisation is ready—may be
more anti-Christian, essentially,
than anti-foreign.

At any rate the Canton Govern-
ment is rumoured to be striving
to restrict the demonstrators to
the city which is taken to mean
giving the Shakes and adjacent
parts of the Bund a wide berth.

Some of the more conservative
of the Kuomintang politicians are
even said to be opposed to the idea
of a procession along the water-
front, this report emanating from
a statement that steps have been
taken to be ready for emergencies.

"IOLANTHE."

NO PERFORMANCE THIS EVENING.

There is no performance of
"Iolanthe" this evening as errone-
ously announced in the morning
papers. A matinee will be given
to-morrow evening. Further per-
formances take place on Thurs-
day, Friday and Saturday even-
ings.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

WALL—MCGREGOR.

Dr. Austin Darley Wall of
Shanghai and Miss Margaret Alice
McGregor, who arrived from
Home by the "Antenor," were
married at St. John's Cathedral
on Friday afternoon last.

The bride was given away by
Dr. C. H. Brangwin, port medical
officer of Swatow who has just re-
turned from a year's leave.

Surg.-Lt.-Com. Brown, H.M.S.
"Hawkins," was the best man.

FOSTER-TURNER—RADLEY.

St. John's Cathedral was the
scene of a pretty wedding yester-
day when Mr. Frederick Went-
worth Foster-Turner and Miss
Rosina Lily Radley were joined in
marriage.

The bridegroom is well known
in Hongkong as an architect and is
the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster-
Turner of Bush Hill Park, N., and
the bride the daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. R. Radley of Cross Park,
Pilton, North Devon. She arrived
in the Colony during the week-end.

The bride, who was given away
by Mr. S. Hamer, was beautifully
dressed in white crepe satin,
trimmed with Brussels lace, and
wore a Brussels lace veil with
white heather, and a wreath of
orange blossoms. Her bouquet
was of white roses and chrysan-
themums.

The bridesmaid was Miss Gladys
Brock, who wore a charming dress
of pale pink crepe de chine
trimmed with silk lace and hat to
match. She carried a bouquet of
pink roses and chrysanthemums.

Mr. S. Feltham acted as best
man to the bridegroom. The
Rev. T. B. Powell, M.A., officiated
and Mr. F. Mason was at the
organ.

After the ceremony a reception
was held at the residence of Mr.
S. Hamer, 10 Ventris Road, where
many friends of the bride and
bridegroom gathered to offer good
wishes.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Foster-
Turner left for Cheung Chau,
where the honeymoon is to be
spent. The bride's going away
dress was of tan crepe de chine
with lace to tone and velvet ribbon,
her hat being of brown Bangkok
straw with flowered wreath.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar
on demand to-day was 2 1/4 5/16.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

BIG CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

FORTHCOMING LEGAL BATTLE

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, Dec. 14.

Messrs. Walsh and Johannsen
have applied for writs claiming
£20,000 each from the Govern-
ment alleging wrongful arrest and
imprisonment.

Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Johannsen
are also claiming £5,000 for loss of
their husbands' services.

It may be recalled that Mrs.
Walsh was formerly Miss Adela
Pankhurst, the militant suff-
ragette.

This is an echo of the recent
seamen's strike in Australia when
the Government felt compelled to
use drastic measures of arrest,
imprisonment and deportation.

Messrs. Walsh and Johannsen
were arrested, but subsequently
released on an order of the
Supreme Court of Australia, and
are now claiming against the
Government.

Mrs. Walsh was formerly Miss
Adela Pankhurst, of the Pank-
hurst trio who led the suffragette
movement some years ago. When
the movement succeeded, the
Pankhurst family withdrew from
it. The other sister is engaged in
religious work.

INDIA'S CONDITION.

VICEROY'S "ROSY PICTURE."

COMMERCIAL ENERGY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, Dec. 14.

A rosy picture of India's econo-
mic condition was painted by Lord
Reading in an exhaustive address
to the Indian Chambers of Com-
merce.

He recalled the depressing con-
ditions of 1921 and the adverse
trade balance, \$300,000,000 rupees.
The political atmosphere was
heavily charged and though there
was still room for improvement
last year's overseas trade had
reached the record figure 650,000-
000 rupees.

The Budget, which showed a
deficit of 200,000,000 rupees in
1921 was made into a surplus last
year.

The military expenditure last
year was 560,000,000 rupees com-
pared with 760,000,000 in 1921.

In regard to labour legislation,
the Viceroy mentioned the Bill
submitted to the Assembly to en-
courage and protect a healthy
trade union organisation.

He attributed the improved out-
look to the grit and energy of the
commercial community; also the
improvement in the political situa-
tion which engendered a feeling of
stability and continuity.

FRENCH FINANCE.

AN OMINOUS SYMPTOM.

BILLS REFERRED BACK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 14.

An ominous symptom in the
political and financial situation is
revealed by the Finance Com-
mittee of the Chamber referring
back the Finance Bills dealing
with further taxation and the
establishing of a Sinking Fund.

[An earlier message states:—
Discontent of businessmen at
M. Loucheur's financial proposals
is taking active form in various
parts of the country, business
groups registering protests. At
Carcassonne a solemn pledge was
taken by all local tradespeople to
refuse to pay taxes if the propo-
sals were accepted, while the
Nimes Commercial Union has
decided on a two hours strike as a
protest.

The fall of the franc is causing
a steady rise in the prices of com-
modities. Figures published by
the General Statistics Service
show a rise of nine per cent. in
wholesale prices in France in
October and November compared
to a fall in Britain, Germany,
Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Switzer-
land and the United States.

SORDID CASE.

HAYLEY MORRIS ON TRIAL.

COUNSEL AND JURY'S DUTY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 14.

Sir E. Marshall Hall, in open-
ing the prosecution, said Morris
was a merchant engaged in
Chinese trade.

The woman prisoner, Roberts,
had been a domestic servant and
also a shop assistant, but when
arrested was acting house keeper
to Morris.

Detailing the charges, counsel
said Roberts had not merely con-
spired to procure girls, but did her
utmost to get them to do what she
knew Morris wanted them to do.

Sir Marshall Hall told how the
police began to make enquiries
after the girl, in the absence of
the prisoners, telephoned her
friends in London.

The roads were searched and
the girl was found crouching in a
ditch, completely exhausted, and
taken to her friends.

The evidence of other girls was
obtained.

There were three cases of girls
under 16; other cases of girls
above 16, besides girls who resist-
ed and escaped from harm.

He concluded by asking the
jury, if they convicted the accused
"of a sordid, abominable offence,"
not to let fear or favour deter them
from recording a proper verdict.

A number of girls then testified.

Girl's Admission.

The Hayley Morris case has
been adjourned until to-morrow.

The Judge directed that both
the accused should remain in
custody.

The most interesting witness
was the female prisoner's sister
who said her father was dead.
She had been in the service of the
female prisoner who left home
when her father died.

The witness was not aware of
her whereabouts until last Christ-
mas when she telephoned witness
to come to Pippingford Park.

She stayed two nights, and
a fortnight later she took her
there by train, buying her a few
clothes.

Her third visit lasted six weeks.
Nothing happened till the third
visit. She had not told her sister
of it.

Another sister was also there.
The witness said she told
Morris before the alleged in-
cident, that her age was 14.

Cross-examined, witness said
she never told anyone about the
matter till the police saw her.

The police helped her to remem-
ber what happened.

Judge's Opinion.

An earlier cable message states:
—The trial of Hayley Morris and
his wife opened sensationally at
Lewes Assizes. The male defend-
ant appeared in charge of a
warder, and the woman walked
briskly from a local hotel, smiling
as Press photographers snapped
her. Both pleaded not guilty.

The Judge declined to hear evi-
dence of the woman's condition.
Replying to counsel's plea that she
was not fit to stand a long trial, he
said: "My opinion is that already
there has been a deliberate at-
tempt to deceive the Court, and I
am not sure there has not been
something worse, namely, an at-
tempt to interfere with the course
of justice." He declined to hear
her counsel further.

CONCENTRATION.

MUSSOLINI'S SUGGESTION RESENTED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 15.

The Republican "Senator Fish"
has lodged a resolution in the
House to prohibit the concentra-
tion of foreign elements in its own
settlements.

Senator Fish asserts the resolu-
tion is due to Mussolini's sugges-
tion that Italian centres should be
created in the United States.

\$3,000,000 LOAN.

HONGKONG AND THE BOYCOTT.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons, Mr.
A. Spoor asked for information
of the purposes of the loan of
£3,000,000 to the Hongkong
Government; and whether the
Government had taken steps to
terminate the boycott of British
trade in Hongkong.

Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that
the Governor had applied in
September for a loan of the
amount mentioned for the pur-
pose of restoring confidence and
financing trade.

The loan had saved the Colony
at a serious moment.
It is possible that if the boycott
continues and trade worsens, fur-
ther assistance may have to be
considered next year.

LIQUOR SMUGGLING.

THE COST OF PROHIBITION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 15.

Senator Jones, of Washington,
has introduced a resolution, back-
ed by the Administration, provid-
ing for the appropriation of
\$9,000,000 to construct ten coast-
guard cutters to suppress liquor
smuggling.

COAL AND OIL.

BIG JAPANESE CONCESSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Dec. 15.

Agreements for a concession of
45 years for coal and oil fields in
North Saghalien to Japanese firms
recommended by the Japanese
Government, were signed to-day
under the Japan, Soviet and
Peking Treaty.

CIVIL WAR.

RIVAL FACTIONS FIGHT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 15.

According to messages from
Japanese sources in China, Wu
Pei-fu is reported to be marching
on Shanghai.

Tientsin's trenches held by
General Feng Yu-shiang, were
stormed at the point of the bay-
onet and his forces expelled from
Yangtsun by General Li Ching-hin
who is an ally of Chang Tao-lin.

GERMANY.

A SECOND DAWES LOAN?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 15.

The "Daily Telegraph" diploma-
tic correspondent states that Mr.
Parker Gilbert, Agent-General for
Reparations, accompanied by Mr.
Norman, Governor of the Bank of
England, have gone to the United
States presumably in connection
with the problem of further cred-
its for Germany, and certain
aspects of the eventual raising of
a second Dawes Loan.

DISTANT TYPHOON.

The presence of a distant
typhoon is given in to-day's
weather report. According to the
latest warning issued from Manila
at 6.30 this morning, the typhoon
is in Lat. 8° N., Long. 142° E.
(south of Guam), moving W.
Until noon to-morrow the fore-
cast is N. or variable winds, light
to moderate rain.

GOING WELL.

TELEPHONE COMPANY'S SHARE LIST.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION POSSIBLE.

Judging from the very large
number of applicants at the
cashier's department of the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Bank to-day,
the end of the day may quite
possibly see the over-subscription
of the subscription list for the
250,000 shares in the Hongkong
Telephone Company which opened
this morning.

The majority of the applicants
appeared to be Chinese.

If the list is oversubscribed,
applicants will have shares allot-
ted in proportion to the oversub-
scription, with certain preferences
for bona fide residents and tele-
phone subscribers. It all depends
on the amount subscribed to-day
whether the list will remain open
further or for how long.

With the applications being for-
warded to the offices of the Com-
pany this evening, the staff will
probably work until late in sorting
them out and to-morrow it should
be possible to estimate the total
amount of the applications.

Upon enquiry this morning of
Mr. A. L. Terry, acting secretary,
a "China Mail" representative was
informed that at the time it was
impossible to estimate the number
of shares actually applied for, but
there were indications that the
issue was being very favourably
received by the public.

A STOLEN BANGLE.

SUSPICION LEADS TO ARREST.

A HEAVY SENTENCE.

Sentence of six months' hard
labour and 15 strokes of the birch
was imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell
at the Central Magistracy this
morning on a Chinese charged
with larceny of a gold-mounted
bangle from a little girl.

The complainant, a Chinese
married woman, stated in evidence
that she was at a market stall in
Eastern Street yesterday after-
noon along with her family of
three small children. Defendant
was observed to be peeping one of
the girls, whom he enticed some
distance away, when he stole the
bangle. The theft was noticed
when the girl came back to the
complainant, but the defendant
had then disappeared.

The suspicions of a Chinese
detective were aroused when he
met a man on the pavement who
suddenly stopped in his walk,
stared at him, and walked again.
A little further down the road the
detective was informed of the
theft, and in a search the "sus-
pect" was caught in a side street.
The stolen bangle was found in
his pocket. These facts were
given by the detective in his
evidence.

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BANKING CORPORATION.

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 Hongkong, 20th May 1925.

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 on any day in a month no interest will
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 CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
 BANKING CORPORATION,
 A. H. BARLOW,
 Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 7th January 1925.

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A. LECOT,
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 London, Los Angeles, Lyons,
 Manila, Nagasaki, Nagoya,
 Yokohama, Yokohama, Yokohama

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
 Deposits received for fixed periods at
 rates to be obtained on application.
 C. AKIMA,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 11th September, 1924.

THE BANK OF EAST
ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

(4, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong.)

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
 Paid-up Capital 5,000,000
 Reserve Fund 1,000,000

DIRECTORS:

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1925.

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(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial

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Capital Subscribed Yen 45,000,000

Capital (Paid-up) Yen 39,375,000

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Osaka.

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chiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao,

Tamsui, Tuyen, Heitoh, Taihoh.

CHINA: — Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy,

Foochow, Swatow, Canton.

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churia, Tientsin, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India,
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 Manager.HONGKONG BRANCH:
 5, Des Vaux Road Central,
 Hongkong, 1st November, 1925.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

RUBBER FACTS.

Malaya Behind Dutch

E. Indies.

(Reuters Service.)

London, Dec. 14.

The "Financial Times" has pub-

lished a special plantation rubber

supplement, including articles by

experts in Malaya, and Mr.

Ashplant, the mycologist of South

India, who writes on bud-grafting.

In an editorial, the journal says

that it is a little disconcerting to

find that the Dutch East Indies

have made considerably more pro-

gress in bud-grafting than Malaya

and elsewhere. Results hitherto

have been highly encouraging and

seem to show that bud-grafting

will boom very largely in future

planting developments. It con-

cludes with a tribute to the Ceylon

estates as models of efficiency and

good cultivation.

BELFAST LINEN.

Fortnightly Market Report.

November 4.

Flax.—There is nothing fresh to

report in the Irish and Continental

markets.

Latvian Flax.—A proportion of

the crop is still lying in the fields,

and must be suffering somewhat

from the recent cold and rainy

weather. Some sales of old crop

balances are reported at 23 per

cent reduction. Business in new

crop still confined to small lots

for Nov/Dec shipment. It is

thought that in the near future

the Latvian Government may re-

duce prices paid to the peasant.

Esthonian Flax.—Recent bad

weather has curtailed supplies.

Demand however is dull.

Swedish Flax.—Sellers remain

still so no business to comment

upon. Supplies beginning to in-

crease.

Yarns.—There is nothing fresh

to report, demand continuing to

be for daily requirements, and

prices without quotable change.

Under these circumstances, and

the relatively high price of Flax

and Tow, there is no encourage-

ment to start idle spindles or in-

crease production of Mills work-

ing short time.

Weavers.—The manufacturing

end of the trade has not improved

its position much since our last

report.

There are still small orders

being put down over a fair range

of goods, unfortunately at prices

far below cost; but it is hoped

that this price cutting will dis-

appear when a larger volume of

business comes along.

Conditions in the trade look

brighter and Manufacturers are

kept very busy quoting prices

which they hope will materialise

in good business later.

Merchants.—Stocks are moving

and there is an air of cheerfulness

in several ends of the Trade.

Handkerchiefs and fancy Linens

are getting a large amount of at-

tention as is usual at this season

of the year.

Housekeeping — Goods. — Da-

masks and Plain Linens are now

being offered at figures which are

considerably under normal rates.

Dress Linens.—Since last re-

port conditions remain practi-

cally unchanged. There is still a

fair number of enquiries coming

forward for Dress Linens in both

CHINA'S "LUXURIES."

JAPAN'S TRADE

HIT.

Resolution Against Proposal.

The Government authorities

are planning counter measures

against China's proposal to im-

pose a 20 per cent. import tariff

on the so-called "luxuries" at the

Customs Tariff Conference now

held in Peking. The Chinese de-

legates cited about 15 articles to

be included in the list of luxurious

imports but there are some

articles which are undoubtedly

daily necessities.

If this high import tariff is

imposed on these articles to be

shipped from Japan, a telling

blow will be dealt to this coun-

try's trade with China. Under the

circumstances, the authorities of

the Department of Commerce and

Industry and Department of Finance

are considering measures to

curb the sphere of application of

the tariff.

Such articles mentioned by the

Chinese delegates as luxurious

articles and exported to China

from Japan during 1924 are listed

as follows:

Rock sugar Tls. 648,063

Refined sugar 17,470,764

Granulated sugar 1,319,165

Glass 155,031

Glass ware 339,374

Rubber — manufactur-

ers' including

tire 1,037,470

Soap 1,715,347

Porcelain ware 1,041,644

Hats including silk

hats 2,855,220

Umbrellas 1,055,528

Silk textiles 341,963

Rayon and mixed

silk and cotton

textiles 1,117,717

Blanket 150,978

Woolen cloth 178,813

Woolen textiles 143,985

Paper 4,448,722

Electric apparatus 2,170,844

Watches 560,078

Beer 449,451

Toys 635,379

While perfumed soap is to be

included as a luxurious article,

ordinary soap must be excluded

from it. The 20 per cent. tariff

is to be imposed only on the high

priced porcelain ware, gold or

platinum watches, and luxurious

marine products such as whale

and dolphin fins used by luxurious

Chinese people.

The Inter-Chamber of Com-

merce of Japan has adopted a re-

solution against China's

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Hongkong, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1925.

"KING OF KINGS."

"Have you seen the Shah?" was the theme of one of those ephemeral songs that grip the senses from time to time. The Music Hall "poet" added "smoking his cigar" and the couplet helped in the visualisation of the Persian potentate who at that time was about to visit England. Events have moved slowly but surely in Persia, until now a new ruler reigns in place of the old—a young man who, at the age of 16, became Persia's ruler, the "King of Kings," and now, under thirty is a spendthrift exile in Paris, squandering his time and the wealth that has been his by right of his Kingship, in what is popularly known as "riotous living." One of the most exclusive monarchies on earth now comes to a private soldier in a Cossack regiment garrisoned in Persia. Little sympathy seems to be forthcoming for the ex-Shah. He is blamed for the present situation. Two years ago he left Persia to regale himself with the delights of Paris, and there he has been spending lavishly of the money that has been wrung from the Persian people. The "iron-willed" soldier who has succeeded him is fighting for the unification of his country. Already reforms of various kinds are to be laid to his credit. Weights and measures have been simplified; the causes of sanitation, public charity and education have been furthered and he has performed a signal service in initiating a system of orderly accounting in the State finances. Here then seems indeed a "King of Kings" likely to serve to the full the country over which he is to rule. Persia has loomed in politics for very many years, whilst she has been the centre of

conflicting international forces, thanks to the almost embarrassing abundance of oil within her boundaries. Britain and Russia have both been interested in the country. The British sphere in the South, includes access to the Persian Gulf; the Russian is in the north, including a territory that is approximately twice the extent of the British. The Soviets renounced the agreement of 1907 which gave their country rights in the north, though they have since laid claim to the territory and have bent every effort to establishing their influence in an effort to drive out the British. Whether the present appointment by the Constituent Assembly will be an encouragement to the Soviets to further their "doctrine," remains to be seen. The personality of the present ruler seems to suggest that no "Red" inroads will be tolerated, whilst he is helped somewhat by the fact that the nations of the West are bound, by international commitments entered into since the war, to observe the country's integrity. Such "movements," as the one that has taken place in Persia demonstrate anew the vital necessity of Europe setting its own house in order, bringing peace to its troubled concerns, the better to face whatever consequences may arise from the progressive and other movements taking place in other parts of the world. The question of opium is but another of the things associated with Persia, for only this month has the Council of the League of Nations approved the proposal to despatch a commission of enquiry to the country on the subject of the cultivation of opium. The first act of King Pahlavi, the name assumed by Reza Khan, was to order the liberation of all political prisoners, grant an amnesty to the former Shah, members of the late dynastic family, and members of the royal household, who will be pensioned. The price of bread has been reduced through a Government subsidy. Judging from these acts, the King has started well and given evidence of a desire to advance Persia materially and to give this once remnant of a mighty empire a stable Government.

Hongkong Stamps.

Arriving in the Colony in sealed boxes and put down in the accounts at the value of their cost of production, Hongkong's postage stamps are then taken charge of by the Treasury and assume the value of their face bearing. They thus jump in value some two hundred times as they are purchased through the Crown agents on a sliding scale, according to quantity, at something like sixpence a thousand. They arrive in boxes

of 500 sheets, in the case of ordinary stamps, each sheet containing 240 stamps. This number is obviously more convenient where the currency in question is pounds and the value of stamps, pence, or half pence, but for places where dollars and cents are in use it occasions considerable difficulty in accounting. Sets of 100 are obviously more desirable where the currencies are on a decimal system. It was these considerations which led the Hongkong postal authorities when there was occasion two years ago to have made a special plate for "postage due" stamps, to have it cast in the 100-set form. Although this has proved a considerable help it is doubtful whether the Crown Agents will be requested to go to the expense of changing all the stamp plates for Hongkong until such change as may be considered necessary in general design or by reason of change in the reigning sovereign, for stamps are done for the whole of the Empire in practically the same operation and with the same plates. There is, however, no longer the impediment that there was at one time to any change. Until comparatively recent times the paper supplied for the use of Colonies by the Crown agents had the watermarks so arranged as to give one complete watermark to each stamp but with the present watermark paper there is no need to make the plates for dollar Colonies and protected States exactly the same as for the pence places. The occasion of an appeal to Governors of British Colonies for stamps to be sold in aid of charity was made the occasion of an article in a London journal in which the methods of stamp production were reviewed and from this it would appear that there is no logical reason why in the case of those Colonies where it would be such an obvious advantage for postal accountancy, stamps should not be produced in 50's and 100's. It seems a comparatively small matter, hardly worth while cavilling over, but it is interesting in that it illustrates how slowly the official mind changes where matters which are looked upon as those of routine are concerned.

MOTOR FATALITY.

DEATH INQUIRY VERDICT.

A PURE ACCIDENT.

The death of a Chinese youth from injuries received when he was knocked down by a taxicab at Wanchai on November 22 was the subject of an inquiry before a coroner and jury at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Medical evidence showed that death was due to haemorrhage and shock following a rupture of the spleen. The taxi driver's evidence, which was corroborated by another driver riding on the vehicle at the time of the accident, was that the deceased jumped from a tram-car coming from the opposite direction and got in front of his car when only two paces away. Brakes were applied, but it was too late. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

THEFT CHARGE.

SHOP MANAGER ALLEGES CONSPIRACY.

STORY OF A RANSOM.

At a further hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of a case in which a Chinese rice shop manager was charged with the larceny of \$370 belonging to the firm, it was alleged by the defendant through his solicitor, Mr. L. D. Turner, that there had been a quarrel between the defendant and the complainant (a woman partner) when the latter was asked for repayment of money paid as ransom for rescuing her two children from the hands of pirates. A conspiracy was therefore alleged in the present prosecution by the complainant, who was under an obligation to the defendant.

The case was again adjourned.

AN OFFER.

(Routledge's Service.)

Tokyo, December 15.

A Kokusai message from Mukden states Kuo Sung-in is prepared to allow Chang Tso-lin to retire in safety and retain his private property, provided he retires without further fighting and withdraws his armies from Hainmington.

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SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Are we ever to see this in Hongkong?—I passed a funeral leaving St. Martin's-in-the-Fields a few days ago, says a London writer. How different it was from the funerals of my youth. There were no nodding plumes; there was not one black horse; and there were no white flowers. It was all done by motor-car; and nearly all the blossoms of which the wreaths were made were brown; they were glorious chrysanthemums of golden-brown leaves. I did not notice one sickly lily, with an odour that my youth makes me associate always with death. And there was no crape! The words "funeral" scarcely apply nowadays. The motor-car funeral does not block the traffic; it passes sedately, smoothly, but not at a snail's pace.

Afternoon tea is a curious meal. In England, the land of its birth, it is without honour; people drink it standing up, sitting down, or walking about—at a table, at a desk, or off the corner of the mantelpiece; sometimes it is merely imbibed from a thermos flask in the back office. No Englishman or Scotsman really cares where or how he has his tea, so long as he gets it. But when Tea crosses the Ocean and becomes an imported custom, it is invested with a strange and unseemly pomp. Foreigners have missed the point of Tea, which is that it is above all things a hugger-mugger affair. Because

the Englishman would rather perish than go without it, the Frenchman and American conclude that some mystic importance attaches to the liquid—something that goes down to the roots of the British constitution—something which demands libations, and possibly an incantation or two. So the Frenchman puts on his best clothes to drink it, and calls it The Five O'Clock. In America—America proper, west of the Alleghenies—if your hostess, in the kindness of heart, sets out to prepare you a cup, she does so with the preoccupied solemnity of a chemist making up a prescription or an astrologer compounding a love-potion; and the resulting decoction is very much what you would expect.

Ian Hay, who wrote the above, should come to Hongkong to extend his studies in the mystic rites of afternoon tea. Sufficient to say that if you see a married man wending his way home fairly late in the evening, it will be a good guess to suggest his wife has either been attending an afternoon tea party, or is holding one!

"Speaking of Epitaphs," remarks a genial soul, "how does this one strike you? It is on a tombstone at Potterne, Wiltshire, England:

Here lies Mary, the wife of John Ford, We hope her soul is gone to the Lord. But if for Hell she has chang'd her life She had better be there than be John Ford's wife. Very warm.

MEDIAEVAL SURGERY.

In the October number of the "Nineteenth Century" Dr. G. D. Hindley describes the history of a very interesting flicker of light towards the end of what are often known as the Dark Ages, writes the "Manchester Guardian." He tells how two surgeons, master and pupil, in the last half of the thirteenth century and the beginning of the fourteenth broke away from the teaching of Galen and began to heal wounds by a method which approached quite closely to the antiseptic surgery taught by Lister. But except for some experiments made by Paracelsus two hundred years later the light failed with the deaths of Theodor and his follower Henri de Mondeville (who died in 1320), and on this point surgery slipped back into its own dark ages, which lasted beyond the middle of the nineteenth century. All the ancient doctors and surgeons worked on the theory that the suppuration of a wound was a natural process (as, unfortunately, it is) and that it was a necessary stage of healing. From this beginning, and from Galen onwards, they advanced to the disastrous argument that suppuration was a thing to be encouraged; and encourage it they did, by probing the wound and filling it with packings that were directly designed to produce pus and inflammation. Theodor instead began to cleanse the wound, carefully avoiding any enlargement of it, to close it as soon as possible, and to dress it freely with warm wine in place of the greasy and septic dressings which had been in use for centuries. As Dr. Hindley points out, the warm wine would be as near to a genuine antiseptic as could be got in those early days, and the proof of the value of Theodor's treatment lay in the fact that his patients prospered under it. Then De Mondeville, a body surgeon to the King of France, applied the same method and argued copiously in its defence, even venturing upon the observation that "God did not exhaust all His creative power when He made Galen." But there was no real body of theory behind his arguments; it was impossible that he should have any foreknowledge of bacterial infection. Lister could convince the world because he worked from the basis of Pasteur's discoveries on the nature of microbes. In the end Theodor and De Mondeville could point to nothing except that their practice worked, and when they died the medical world, lost in its admiration for Galen and suppuration, declined to remember that their methods had ever worked at all. It had been a promising glimmer, and it might have saved more than five hundred years of senseless pain in the

treatment of the injured and sick. But the clock stopped just when it had been started, and the world had to wait for Lister to rewind it in the sixties of the last century.

Silhouettes.

Someone, it would seem, has taken a pair of scissors, with very fine, very sharp blades, and cut out in black paper the roof of an old house with twist chimneys, a weather vane with a flying fox on the top, and a clump of trees. The trees must have required most especial artistry, for some of the little branches have separated themselves from the rest of the black mass and are but frail threads against the moonlit sky. The moon is hidden behind the curve of the roof. It must be only just out of sight, for the light is so intense as to absorb, here and there, even the blackness of the twist chimneys, and the flying fox appears to be swaying on his giddy perch on the weather vane. Moonlight sets imagination a-lap. There is in it nothing of the calm glow of sunset. The silhouettes of sunset time are warm and peaceful, but moonlight silhouettes are as thin, as fanciful, as the flight of a bat or a shadow on a windowpane.

Here, we conclude, is an old house since it is, unmistakably, possessed of an old roof. An old house then with inmates—for something which we take to be smoke is hanging above one of the chimney stacks, a veiled suggestion of haze against the sky. All the activities of a home are going on in that thin blackness, in that paper-like picture, and never so much as a sign to help us in our imaginings, never so much as a sound. Can sounds, then, be silhouetted too?

There are days of strong sunshine when the most minute atom of a thing stands up and makes of itself an important object in bold relief; when every sound and scent and sensation is intensified; days too defined and outspoken to lend themselves to the exercise of fancy, honest, kindly, open-hearted days, harbouring no secrets, and abundant in blessings. And then the sun rests, and twilight follows, and things become thin and very close together; and the fine sharp scissors come out, and silhouettes grow against the new sky, and a mighty world of imagination unfolds.

But, like an explosion beyond the old roof, the moon has risen and caught at the twist stacks, has engulfed the trees, and the flying fox, and the silhouette has gone. Instead a few yellow windows peer out of the darkness, a shadow figure unharnesses a horse from a cart in the roadway, and the click of the shafts is heard as they meet with the ground, followed by the tramp of hoofs down the track to the stables. Sounds are free once more. How much of the art of the world, we wonder, has been made in the silhouette time before the moon is high?

WEDDING BELLS.

CEREMONY IN FAR-OFF YUNNANFU.

BRITISH COUPLE MARRIED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, Dec. 8.
A very interesting ceremony took place in the capital on December 1, when Dr. Cyril J. Austin, son of the late Mr. Austin and Mrs. Austin, of Exeter, and Miss Alice A. L. Barwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Barwick, of South Moulton, Devon, were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony.

The bride and bridegroom are both missionaries of the United Methodist Mission, and have been located in Chootung, a prosperous city in the north of the province, to which they intend returning to carry on the work which is so dear to them amongst the Chinese.

The marriage took place at the residence of the Rev. C. N. Myne, who also conducted the service, and the drawing room was tastefully decorated for the occasion with bamboos and flowers, presenting a very pleasing spectacle. The weather was all that could be desired, the sun shedding beneficent rays upon the assembled company.

A goodly number of friends were present for the occasion, amongst whom were the British Consul-General (who unfortunately was late in arriving, having been detained by important business) and the American Consul and his wife.

The bride looked very charming in a gown of white crepe-de-chine, trimmed with silver lace, and a tulle veil embroidered with silk buds, held in place with rosebuds. She carried a spray-bouquet of dark red roses, and was attended by two pretty little bridesmaids, the Misses Viola and Vivienne Myne, dressed in pink flowered silk, and carrying baskets of roses similar to those carried by the bride.

After the ceremony (which had been preceded by the civil ceremony at the British Consulate), photos were taken, and then a reception was held during which refreshments were served. Mrs. Myne was hostess, to whom the best thanks of the company are due for all the arrangements which were perfectly carried out, even to the provision of a splendid wedding cake.

The honeymoon is to be spent in Hongkong, whither the happy couple departed on Wednesday morning, December 2, by the early train, several friends being present at the station to wish them "bon voyage."

The good wishes of the whole community follow them, which are emphasized by the fact that this wedding was planned for September, but has had to be delayed owing to the disturbed conditions prevailing in this province, so that the journey could not be undertaken earlier. We look forward to the return of Dr. and Mrs. Austin to the capital, where they intend spending Christmas.

WORLD PEACE.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, December 14.
The League Council has adopted the report of the sub-committee, consisting of Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Hermans and Baron Adami, endorsing the findings of the Runcie Commission on the Greco-Bulgarian dispute. Sir Austen, as rapporteur, reading the report, said the invasion of Bulgarian territory was unjustified. Greece acted without premeditation but it was not necessary, in order to re-occupy a little post and overcome a few men, to undertake operations over twenty kilometres. An indemnity of thirty million leva should be paid within two months.

The bulk of the journalists on leaving the hall at the conclusion of the Greco-Bulgarian affair, were hastily recalled to hear a speech by Sir Austen Chamberlain not scheduled on the agenda. He said, in handing over the Locarno agreement for deposit in the archives of the League, that the Powers concerned intended to inaugurate a new phase in their relations, carefully avoiding provocation or offence to others, and establish peace between themselves, thus helping to stabilise the peace of the world and give rest and confidence to other nations.

There is a story—a chestnut, of course—of a man who entered a well-known Anglers' Inn and saw, preserved in a case on the walls, a monster salmon—we hesitate to mention its weight. He looked at it for a while, and then said, solemnly: "The man who caught that fish was a liar."

WAR UP NORTH.

"CHRISTIAN GENERAL" NOW LOSING.

THE TRAIN INCIDENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, December 13.

With regard to the international train which was caught in the battle at Yangtsun, (reported yesterday), the passengers, including women and children, had to take refuge under the carriages. On board the train were nine Britishers, including Colonel and Mrs. Haslehurst, twenty Americans, some prominent Japanese and also four League of Nations Commissioners who are visiting Manchuria in connection with plague prevention.

It appears that a Kuomintang armoured train followed the international train to Yangtsun where it handed a thousand infantry, while artillery began shelling Gen. Li Ching-shan's forces across the river.

Tientsin, December 14.

Latest reports from Peitsang indicate that, though outnumbered, Li Ching-shan's troops are holding their own and have even advanced a few miles toward Yangtsun.

Li Ching-shan's advance is confirmed. He has driven out Feng Yu-shang's troops from Yangtsun. After much day artillery battle, his troops took Feng's trenches at the bayonet point.

Li states that southern Chihli is freed from the Kuomintang menace. He is able to obtain ammunition from Tientsin which, a week ago, was surrounded by the Kuomintang troops. He also states that he is not helped by Chang Tso-lin and has no understanding with him, but Wu Pei-fu has agreed to defend southern Chihli in the event of the Kuomintang troops advancing from Honan again.

The negotiations have vigorously proceeded against this breach of the Boxer Protocol. It is understood that arrangements are being made to despatch a relief train from Tientsin.

The Japanese on board the train included Mr. Nishizaki, the leader of the Kensei party and Mr. Taniyama, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Navy.

Peking, December 14.

The international train returned to Peking this evening all safe.

OTHER EVENTS.

Tokyo, December 13.

An "Asahi" message from Mukden states that Gen. Kuo Sung-ding's forces have entered Newchwang without fighting. Japanese police have been despatched for the protection of residents.

Tokyo, December 14.

The Navy is probably sending one or two destroyers from Port Arthur to Tientsin with food and clothing for Japanese nationals.

While the Government spokesman admits a battle is imminent near Mukden, it is insisted that Chang Tso-lin's days are numbered and his fall is expected momentarily.

Japanese sources report that Wu Pei-fu is marching on Shanghai.

DEBT HOPES.

GERMANY UNDER DAWES PLAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 14.

The report of Mr. Parker Gilbert, Agent General of German Reparation payments, on the first year's working of the Dawes Plan, shows that the plan has realised its objects in balancing the German budget and stabilising the German currency.

Full provision is made for a milliard gold marks, which is estimated Germany will be able to pay the first year, and although some money has not been handed over, the balance is at the disposal of the Agent General, who pays a tribute to the manner in which the Germans have co-operated in the work.

The report expresses the opinion that Germany, for some time to come, must rely on long credits from abroad, but that the prospects for a peaceful reconstruction of Europe are hopeful, although Germany has still many difficulties to overcome.

"Pas des Fleurs" (by request), remarks Father, reading from the seaside concert programme. "Do you know what that means, Ethel?" After a moment's pause Ethel, suddenly inspired by the parenthetical "by request," responds brightly: "Of course, Dad, it means no flowers!"

SACK THE LOT!

NEW JACKY FISHERS IN CHINA.

ATTEMPT ON OFFICIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, Dec. 3.

Interesting events in the capital of the province are pending, owing to developments which have taken place of late.

A short time ago, eight of the leading officials of the local government received letters of complaint accompanied by threats from the officers of the army, and the military secretaries.

The complaint was that whereas they had done all the fighting and thereby kept those here in safety, on their return, they not only did not receive pay, but found that all the jobs worth having had been given to the stay-at-homes and their relatives and friends.

The threat was that unless justice was done within a certain time, a limit to which was set, the officers would take the law into their own hands, and deal out justice to those in office, in a manner which would teach others not to offend in like manner.

The Secretary of Finance, Mr. Tung, resigned at once, without waiting to see the threat carried out, but Mr. Beh, private secretary to the Governor, and Minister of Wines and Tobacco, held on, and was attacked, and seriously wounded, being stabbed in more than one place.

Although there is a rumour that he has since died, this is not confirmed. The office of Finance Secretary has not yet been filled.

The time limit has now been extended by ten days to give the officials time to decide what they will do, and as this limit will expire in about eight days, we are waiting to see what will happen.

It looks as if there must be improvement since things could not very well be worse.

There are persistent reports that General Fan Shek-sang has not gone to Canton, but is still in the neighbourhood of K'ai-hwa.



Hilda Ferguson, former stage beauty, is suing Dr. R. B. Urgate for a divorce. She claims he locked up most of her clothes.

"TAKE THEM OFF!"

OXFORD "BAGS" OBJECTED TO.

Mr. Maurice L. Jacks, M.A., headmaster of Mill Hill School, when presiding at the old boys' dinner, told an amusing story about Oxford "bags."

"Take off those trousers," roared the headmaster at one big English public school, when two boys appeared at roll call, dressed in "bags." The boys prepared, obediently, to leave the room, but the headmaster shouted: "Did you hear what I said? Take them off!"

The boys obeyed, before the entire school, and the headmaster added: "Now carry those trousers to my study and wait there as you are till I come!"

"Gerald, what train does the man next door catch to town?" "This one after mine." "If he catches the train after yours, how do you know what train he catches?" "Because that's the one I catch."

CAPTAIN BLOOD.

TO-DAY'S BIG QUEEN'S PICTURE.

"SEA HAWK" ECLIPSED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, Dec. 3.

Swift upon the folded reels of "The Sea Hawk" comes another Sabatini film. The same screen that saw the much liked sixteenth century story of buccaneers and sea battles, now throws back a very similar narrative set a century later in the time when men went about with long festoons or clean-cut curls draped about their necks.

The story of "Captain Blood" opens during the battle of Sedgemoor, when the Duke of Monmouth was not after the throne of James II; and in the midst of the alarms and excursions incidental thereto, Peter Blood, a young Irishman, is arrested by His Majesty's redcoats, accused of treason, and sent to the West Indies as a slave.

He leads his fellow bondsmen to the capture of a Spanish frigate during a raid on Bridgetown, and falls into all manner of stirring adventure, both afloat and ashore, coming out victorious in each and every enterprise, just as all good Sabatini heroes always do. Perhaps no period in history makes such demands upon the wardrobe mistresses as the over-dressed days of the Stuarts.

Cascades of curls for men, and women, huge felt hats, brimming over with full-fashioned plumes, endless coats and vests and capes belted, brodered and buckled enormous skirts and mantles ruffled and flounced, envelop the characters in this picture almost to the point of extinction. J. Warren Kerrigan succeeds in making Captain Blood a telling figure. The entire cast, which is large, is also very capable.

Where the newest Sabatini picture specially scores is in its general liveliness of plot and in its nautical investiture. There is much stirring action aboard full-rigged frigates of the line, culminating in an impressive naval engagement with quantities of smoke and powder. While the characters are not as vigorously defined as in "The Sea Hawk," there is less monotony of plot development. Right from the start, "Captain Blood" is an intelligently contrived costume picture of the conventional order, generally interesting and at times an absorbing spectacle.

—R. F.

QUEEN IN MOSQUE.

BEGUM OF BHOPAL AT WORKING SERVICE.

VEILED ORATOR.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Yunnanfu, Dec. 3.

Moslems from all over the country met at Woking when the Begum of Bhopal visited the mosque which was erected by her mother, and which the Begum herself now maintains.

The Begum motored from London, accompanied by her son and granddaughter, and after the formal reception attended a special service in the mosque, which she entered with bare feet.

Subsequently she was presented with an address of welcome by Lord Headley, president of the British Moslem Society, who referred to the exemplary rule of the Begum of Bhopal, a State which remained steadfast to British rule and where discontent was unknown.

The Begum, who was heavily veiled, replied in her native tongue. She said that her allegiance to her King and Sovereign was an integral part of her religion, and she was proud to belong to the British Empire, which respected equally all forms of belief.

Bouquets and a picture of the mosque were presented to the Begum by British Moslems, and her Highness afterwards lunched in a marquee with the other visitors.

Says the "Manchester Guardian": "A poor harassed-looking woman appeared at one of our Council schools dragging a very small but very dirty child which she implored the headmistress to admit. The latter demurred on the ground that the youngster was not even three years old. 'You'd better let 'im in,' said the woman; 'it's 'im what kicks tin cans about North Street every day.' And with memories of this distracting nuisance outside the school windows the teacher surrendered."

"Your husband is suffering," said the doctor, "from syncopeated heart."

Much impressed, the pair returned home and consulted the dictionary. When they read: "Syncopeated—moving quickly from bar to bar," their already high opinion of the doctor became a matter of awe.

NOTICES.

NOTIFICATION.

THE Offices and Stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 22nd, 25th and 26th December, 1923.

N. R. M. SHAW, Acting Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Buildings, Hongkong, 14th December, 1923.



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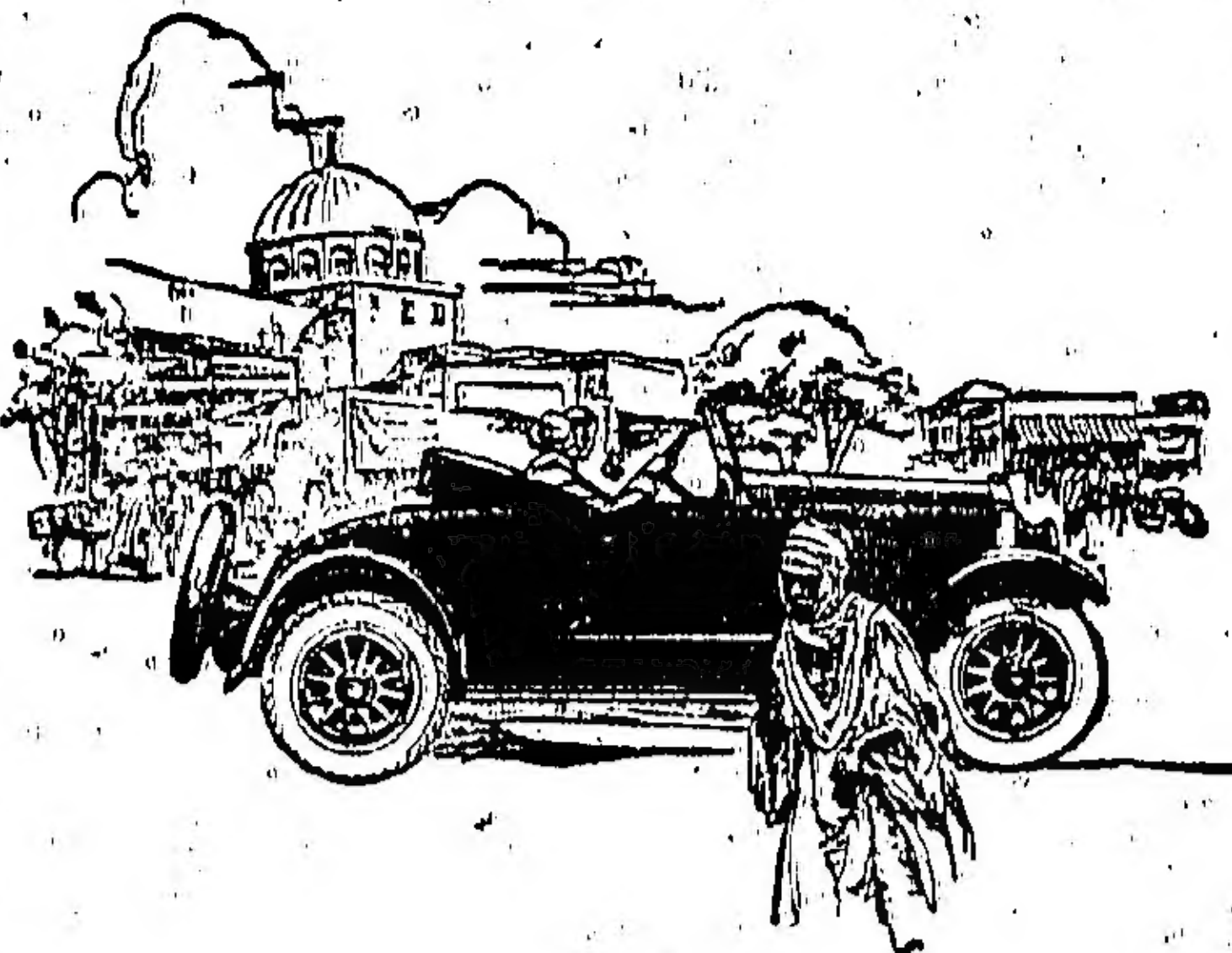
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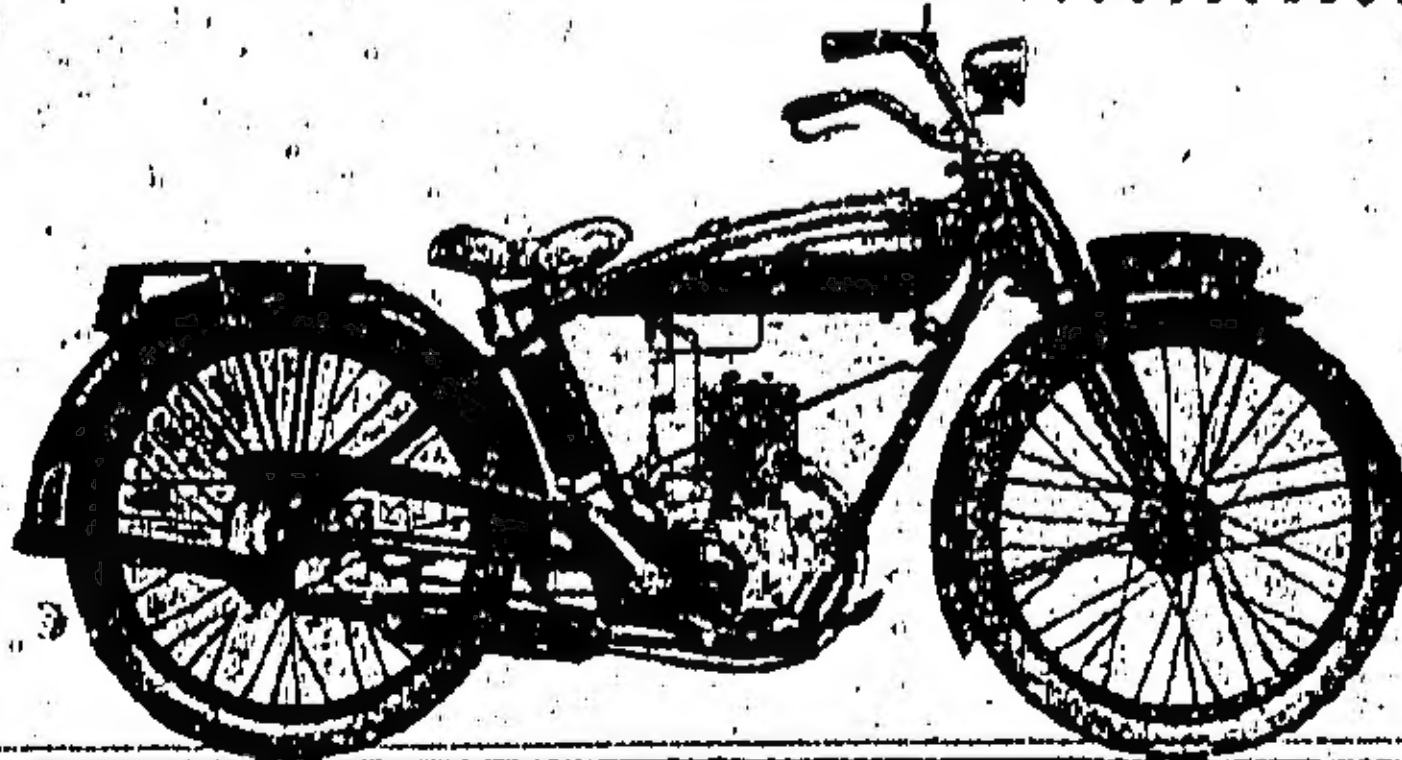
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The Colony had a clear bill of health for the week-end.

Ceylon's Poppy Day collection this year amounted to £8,000, which is nearly three times the amount collected last year. Malaya topped the list last year with £5,806.10.6. Kedah's Poppy Day effort has resulted in £3,056.56 being raised for Earl Haig's Fund.

Chinese audiences are becoming just as critical of their operas as Americans are of theirs, according to Miss Mon Sue Fawn, who is on the way from Canton to San Francisco to play the leading role in a Chinese opera company. She was selected from among 500 contestants in Canton.

Notice is given that the "Shao-hing" Week Mark Buoy marking the position of the "Shao-hing" wreck, which lies clear of the fairway in the South Channel Entrance to the Yangtze River, has been withdrawn. Chart affected: Marine Department Chart No. 1.

A newspaper published in the provincial town of Ufa, Russia recently emerged into the limelight of publicity as a result of employing somewhat too vivid advertising methods. A Communist satirical magazine called Crocodile is published in Moscow; and the Ufa newspaper, in an effort to beat up subscriptions for the Crocodile, announced that a real crocodile had escaped from the Moscow Zoo and was making its way along the Volga and Kama Rivers to Ufa. Every day the newspaper published fresh details about the progress of the river monster. The credulous peasants of the surrounding countryside became terrified. They locked up their houses, and placed chickens on the road as propitiatory offerings for the dreaded crocodile. The newspaper finally disclosed the hoax; but it is likely that the peasants of this region will shiver at the mention of the word crocodile for many months.

The blind girls of the C.M.S. Blind Home, Kowloon City, are to give a Carol Singing entertainment on Monday next at 2.30 p.m.

The Government organ advocates the adoption of Sunday, instead of Friday, as the day of rest in Turkey. The idea is to bring Turkey in line with the Western powers and also avoid the loss of two days weekly, as both Friday and Sunday have been rest days.

Resolutions calling for a re-designation of "Armistice Day" as "Wilson Day" have been adopted by the Downtown Chamber of Commerce of New York. Chambers of Commerce throughout the country, chapters of the American Legion and other bodies will be asked to join in a movement to lay the request before Congress for official action.

A pretty custom was recently exemplified in Moscow when everyone seemed to be buying and wearing flowers. This was in honour of the fabled birthday of the goddess of wisdom (Sofia) and her three daughters, Faith, Hope and Charity (Vera, Nadezhda and Lubov). All these names are very popular in Russia; and all the Sofias, Veras, Nadezhdas and Lubovs were supposed to put on flowers in honour of the day.

Col. Vernon Willey, president of the British Federation of Industries, deserves commendation for his effort to combat the fallacy, which he has said he found strongly rooted in the United States, that Great Britain is "down and out." "This belief," he declared on returning to England from America, "is doing our interests much harm." And he added that the average American seems to believe that the old British spirit of initiative and the British capacity to battle against difficulties have been lost. Well, what if he does, provided it is not a fact. It was an eighteenth century playwright who made one of his characters say that the people of England are never so happy as when you tell them they are ruined!

Some of the more prosperous inhabitants of Moscow are escaping the restrictions of the acute housing shortage by forming co-operative building associations, and building new houses on their own initiative. They are entitled to hold these houses on very long term leases, which practically assure a life tenure, and they are exempted from the very severe rationing of rooming space which practically confines the average Moscow family to a single room.

Sea-going vessels touching at American ports during the fiscal year ending June 30, carried near 1,550,000 passengers. The research bureau of the shipping board, in making public the figures of arrivals and departures, said more than 200,000 travelled first class, 316,000 second class and 332,000 third class. The relatively low figure for third class passengers was ascribed to decrease in immigration. More than 400,000 travelled between the United States and Canada.

One of London's picturesque figures, the "Muffin Man" with a hand-bell, soon will be extinct. The "profession" has been invaded by woman, trim, neat and quick. The muffin man carries his head and covered board balanced on his head and tinkles a bell to attract customers. The modern sales persons are mostly young women with neat uniforms and aprons. They carry baskets on their arms in the same way that "Nell of old Drury" carried her basket of oranges.

Paris, which is perpetually bawling, the congestion of its traffic, has been rather cheered by the visit of Frank Elliot, the assistant commissioner of the London police, who came to study the Paris traffic regulations. The Paris public has believed that these things are managed better in London. But now London comes to Paris to take lessons. The Paris congestion will not be lessened by the knowledge that London, too, is congested, but somehow Parisians find some consolation in the admission.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. F. J. Ling of the P.W.D. left for Home in the Mores on Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Way of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., and Mrs. Way, returned to the Colony on Sunday.

The Rev. E. T. Leader of the Church Missionary Society, Pak-hoi Station, left for Home on Saturday by the Mores.

Mr. Eric Rice, formerly Private Secretary to Sir R. E. Stubbs, and now Special Commissioner of the Overseas League, will visit Singapore (care of Messrs. T. Cook & Son till December 20th) and Hongkong (care of Messrs. T. Cook & Son till January 15th). It is hoped that his second world-tour will be as great a success as his first.

More than thirty years ago W. S. Clark, eighty, a Civil War veteran, made a vow he would not have his hair cut until William Jennings Bryan was in the President's chair. The recent death of the Commoner, however, weakened his resolve and the barber cut the hair that hung about Mr. Clark's waist. For years Mr. Clark was a picturesque personage at G. A. R. national encampments, his keen eyes and distinguished appearance leading many to mistake him for Buffalo Bill.

Scores of men in London were showing last week their gold Sandow watches, says a London writer. When the strong man opened his cocoa works in South London he gave a lunch, at which, in front of every plate, there was a small cardboard box, which, he said, was not to be opened. Suddenly, during the speeches, the boxes all rang with sound at the same time. Each one when opened was seen to contain a gold alarm watch, which went off at any time fixed. They had all been set for the moment of Sandow's rising to his feet. To the last days of his handsome life Sandow was strong. I remember his former publicity manager, deploring to me the fact that the day before, when his car had gone into a ditch on the way to Brighton, Sandow insisted on pulling it out himself. "He was wasting his strength," said my friend. "There wasn't a newspaper photographer within miles. Fancy risking hurting yourself for nothing!"

Amongst those who left yesterday by the "City of Baroda" for Plymouth, were Major and Mrs. Milner-Jones and family, Captain A. E. Watts and Captain Oxspring.

This year's youngest mayor is Miss Sylvia Densham, who, only 15, and still at school, is entering on her second year of office, her father being re-elected mayor of Kingston-on-Thames.

Pavlova and her company appeared at the Grand Theatre, Birmingham, last month, under a warning that bare legs and even bare feet on the stage were prohibited by the magistrates.

Honours conferred by the King on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales to South Africa include:—Vice-Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, Comptroller of H.R.H. K.C.M.G., Major the Hon. Piers Walter Leigh, Esquerry, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. Sir John Robert Chancellor, Governor of Southern Rhodesia, Knight Grand Cross Victorian Order, Sir Geoffrey Thomas, private secretary, Knight Commander Victorian Order.



Claudia Dell was awarded the silver cup as "Miss Apple of 1925"

Mr. G. H. Elliott left for the north in the Macedonia.

Mr. R. H. Pinhorn, head master of the Penang Free School, who is in England on leave, has been advised medically not to return to the tropics, and has retired. He counts twenty years' service in Penang.

Having rung a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral Edward Horrex, 87, bell-ringer, of Stockwell, died of syncope, due to bronchitis. "A wonderful old chap, bell-ringing at his age," was the Brixton Coroner's comment.

The literary output of Sir Harry Lauder is not confined to the words of his songs; and now that he is back to Britain after his latest tour of the world, he may complete the three-act play that he began some years ago. It gives a picture of Scottish life, in which there are no renegade sarsaparilla-sipping Caledonians with Oxford accents and Oxford bags.

"Never again!" fervently, and with an added "No!" for emphasis, is the way Rudolph Valentino, movie sheik and avowed cynosure of feminine eyes, feels about another marriage if there is no reconciliation with the present Mrs. Valentino, the former Winifred Hudnut. All he knows about whether he will still be a married man a few months hence is that he wants Mrs. Valentino to be happy. "I do not know what Mrs. Valentino wishes to do," he said, shortly after arriving from Chicago. "But all I wish to do is oblige her. I shall await developments and try to keep my sense of humour."

Queen Mary famous for her domesticity, shows how she manages the various palaces with but very few changes of maid servants. One of the first things the royal mistress does when a new maid arrives is to start a bank account for her. Friends of the royal household consider the Queen as an example for all mistresses where her maid servants are concerned, and there are some 30 or 40 of them. Judging the Queen purely as a woman, her friends aver, she would never be likely to come up against the servant problem as encountered by most persons owing to her thorough understanding of human nature.

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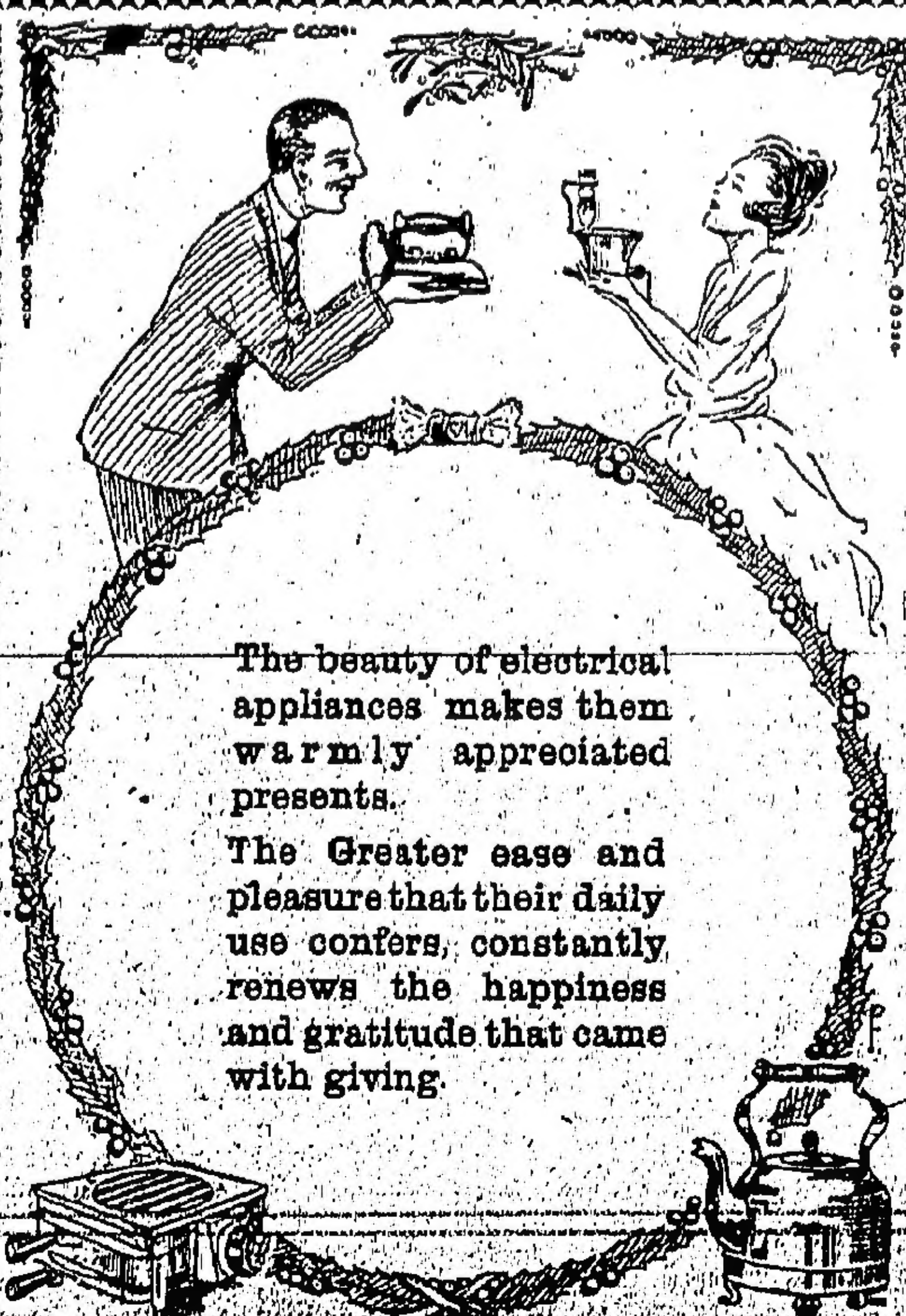
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CHANGE IN DATE.

BIG FIGHT COMING OFF.

CARTLIDGE V. MORRIS.

Chief Petty Officer "Jim" Cartledge, Royal Naval Yard, and Stoker Morris, H.M.S. "Hermes," are to box over 15 rounds at the Theatre Royal on the night of December 23.

At first the third tournament of the season was fixed for Christmas Eve. With the theatre being available the night before the change has been deemed advisable.

Local ring enthusiasts have been eagerly looking forward to these two top-boxers meeting in the ring. No promise of an excellent contest is needed as both have shown what they can do.

Morris's London record has been published and his convincing victory last month over Piper has borne out all the good things said of him. His fighting weight is about 143 lbs.

Jim Cartledge has fought here as a lightweight, the limit being 135 lbs. In his victories over Andre Dupre and Matty Smith he has proved himself a worthy champion. This time as the fight will be at catchweights, he is likely to build himself up to nearer 140 lbs. than 135 so that he will not be conceding much weight.

Both men are masters of ring-craft. Morris has youth on his side. Cartledge is by no means an old man and for speed can still beat the best.

The Hongkong Boxing Association is to be congratulated on their enterprise in staging this bout. A meeting was held last night and it is understood that terms were confirmed.

Each man is putting up a side-stake of \$100. The purse is \$1,000—winner to take \$550 and loser \$450. It only remains for the public to signify approval by giving full support. An advertisement appears elsewhere.

It is also understood that the projected 10-round bout between Naegalin, the featherweight on the French warship, and Drummer Bowles, has not been fixed yet and that there may be a hitch.

Preliminaries are also being arranged and further details will be published as soon as possible.

A.B. Baker, to whom Emerson issued a challenge for a return 10-round contest through the "China Mail," has written to the "S.C.M. Post" accepting.

INTERPORT DATES.

LOCAL RUGGERITES IN SHANGHAI.

TRIANGULAR TOURNEY.

Dates have been fixed tentatively for the triangular interport rugby matches in Shanghai, in which Hongkong is taking part. The participants are Shanghai, Keio University (Japan) and Hongkong and the fixtures are:—

Saturday, Dec. 26—Shanghai v. Keio University.

Monday, Dec. 28—Shanghai v. Hongkong.

Wednesday, Dec. 30—Keio University v. Hongkong.

The Hongkong is being selected but matters of leave, etc., will have considerable influence.

HONOURS EVEN.

"HAWKINS" AND SURREYS BOXING.

Honours were even last night in the team boxing competition between H.M.S. "Hawkins" (flagship) and the 1st East Surrey Regiment, each winning five bouts.

Officials were:—Lt. Hill, Lt. Beatty—referees; Lt. Majendie, Major Limbrey—judges; Lt. Murray—Smith—timekeeper; C.S.M. Parkes—announcer.

At the conclusion, Lt. Col. F. S. Montague Bate (i.e., 1st East Surrey Regt.) presented medals to contestants. Bouts were, of course, under service rules, of 3 rounds each, and resulted:—

Lightweight:—C.Y.S. Allen (184), "Hawkins," k.o. L. Cpl. Williams (162), Surreys, in round 1.

Middle:—A.B. Pearce (157), k.o. L. Cpl. Brand (158), in round 2.

Walter:—Stoker Morrell (147), beat Pte. Mann (143) on points.

A.B. Jackson (148) beat Cpl. Robbins in round 3.

Light:—Stoker Wright (136), k.o. by Pte. A. Grant (135) in round 1. Stoker Brown (136), lost to Pte. Ditch (132½) on points.

Feather:—Stoker Lee (127½), lost to Drummer Bowles (126) on points, after an extra (4th) round. A.B. Bench (125) lost to Cpl. Choules (127) on points.

Bantam:—Marine Doherty (116½) lost to Drummer Simpson (116½) on points.

Fly:—O.S. Haugh (111) beat Pte. Woolcott (115) in round 5.

"WHITE WINGS."

ST. ANDREW'S V. ST. GEORGE'S YACHTING.

Another of the annual inter-Society competitions—the sailing races between St. Andrew's and St. George's—takes place this Sunday, morning and afternoon, at the R.H.K.Y.C.

A bowls match may also be played at the Yacht Club and tiffin will be served.

HOME F.A. CUP.

HOW THE BIG 'UNS HAVE BEEN PAIRED.

DRAW FOR THIRD ROUND.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 14. The F.A. Cup draw for the third round proper (home team given first), to be played on January 9, resulted:—

New Brighton v. Wednesday.

Wolverhampton v. Arsenal.

Derby County v. Portsmouth.

Nottingham v. Leicester.

Everton v. Fulham.

Sunderland v. Bristol City.

Spurs v. West Ham.

Chesterfield v. Clapton Orient.

Port Vale v. Manchester United.

Hull v. Aston Villa.

Sheffield United v. Stockport.

Clapton v. Swindon.

Southampton v. Liverpool.

Nottingham v. Bradford City.

Newcastle v. Aberdeen.

Plymouth v. Chelsea.

Northampton v. Crystal Palace.

Accrington v. Bolton.

Crewe v. Wigan v. Stoke.

Birmingham v. Kettering or Grimsby.

Cardiff v. Burnley.

South Shields v. Chilton Colliery or Rochdale.

Queen's Park Rangers or Charlton v. Huddersfield.

Rotherham v. Bury.

Corinthians v. Manchester City.

Blackburn v. Preston.

Blackpool v. Swansea.

Bournemouth v. Reading.

Middlesbrough v. Leeds.

Millwall v. Oldham.

Southend v. Southport.

[Note:—Sheffield United are holders and Cardiff runners-up. Both are drawn at home.]

League Div. II.

In the English League (Division II) Oldham beat Derby by 2 goals to nil.

The table to date follows:—

Division II.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Wednesday 19 12 3 4 45 24 27

Chelsea 18 10 6 2 41 17 25

Derby 18 10 5 3 36 18 23

Oldham 17 10 4 3 34 20 24

Middlesbrough 20 12 0 8 42 37 24

South Shields 20 10 3 7 37 32 23

Port Vale 19 10 2 7 40 32 22

Portsmouth 20 9 4 7 41 47 22

Preston N.E. 21 9 2 10 40 49 20

Bradford City 18 7 5 6 24 18 19

Blackpool 20 8 3 9 37 31 10

Wolves 18 7 4 7 28 27 18

Hull City 19 8 2 9 25 26 18

Swansea 16 8 1 7 31 25 17

Darlington 19 6 5 8 31 38 17

Stoke 19 6 4 9 26 36 16

Barnsley 18 5 6 7 22 33 16

Notts Forest 19 5 5 9 21 23 15

Southampton 20 5 5 10 28 33 15

Stockport 19 4 3 12 24 41 11

Clapton 18 4 2 12 19 31 10

Fulham 19 3 4 12 20 44 10

HOME RUGGER.

RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

HMMOTH FALL-OUT LAST.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, Nov. 19. Under Rugby Union rules Dublin University beat Oxford University by 23 points to 3.

London, Nov. 21. Results of the matches played to-day in the Rugby Union are as follows:—

Blackheath 0, Guy's Hospital 16.

Cambridge University 25, Old Leynians 13.

Harlequins 22, Oxford University 9.

Swansea 16, Cardiff 5.

Manly 22, Neath 3.

Gloucester 8, Newport 17.

Edinburgh University 3, Dublin University 8.

Heriotians 3, Glasgow Acad. 11.

Edinburgh Inst. 3, Edinburgh W. 6.

Richmond 21, London Scottish 10.

Rosslyn Park 3, Old Merch. Tay 3.

Moseley 14, London Welsh 3.

Bristol 14, St. Bart's 0.

Pontypool 9, Bath 8.

Leicester 6, Portsmouth Services 0.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Northumberland beat Durham by 17 points to nil at Gosforth.

Cumberland lost to Cheshire by 3 points to nil at Wokington.

Cornwall lost to Devon by 6 points to nil at Redruth.

The Lancashire vs. Yorkshire match, which was to have been played at Manchester, was postponed.

London, Nov. 23. Under Rugby Union rules to-day, United Hospitals beat Edinburgh University by eight points to five, at Richmond.

London, Nov. 25. Results of matches played to-day in the Rugby Union are as follows:—

Cambridge University 22, Edinburgh University 8.

Portsmouth Services 6, Atlantic Fleet 16.

Devonport Services 3, Army Trial Team 11.

In the county championship Middlesex beat Surrey by 19 points to nil at Richmond.

London, Nov. 26. Under Rugby Union rules, Oxford University beat Major Stanley's team by 13 points to 11.

October 26 was the anniversary of the founding of the English Football Association, which took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on October 26, 1863.

Among the clubs represented at the first meeting were Blackheath, Crystal Palace, War Office, and Charterhouse School. In 1903 the association became a limited liability company.

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LAWN BOWLS.

BRITISH TOURISTS NOW IN AUSTRALIA.

RESULTS AHEAD OF MAIL.

(Times of Ceylon.)

Melbourne, Nov. 20. In the third bowling test match Victoria beat the British team of bowlers by 135 points to 104.

In another match the British team beat the Melbourne Club by 87 points to 77.

The second test yesterday was postponed owing to rain.

Melbourne, Nov. 21. The British team of bowlers defeated South Melbourne by 80 points to 32.

The second test against Victoria was abandoned.

Brisbane, Nov. 25. The team of British bowlers beat Combined Northsiders by 220 points to 206.

Ipswich (Queensland) Nov. 26. Ipswich beat the British team of bowlers by 215 points to 169.

LAWN TENNIS.

FIRST TEST IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BRITISH TEAM'S VICTORY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Durban, Dec. 14. The British mixed lawn tennis team, having won all previous nine matches, to-day beat South Africa in the First Test Match by 7 matches to 3.

STRANGLER LEWIS.

CHAMPION WRESTLER OF WORLD.

(Associated Press.)

Denver (Colo.), Dec. 9. Ed (Strangler) Lewis successfully defended his title as heavyweight wrestling champion of the world last night by tossing Wayne Munn for two falls out of three. Munn won the second fall, tossing Lewis out of the ring twice.

The newly formed Indian Hockey Federation is to send a team from India to New Zealand next April. The side will be three British officers, three Indian officers, and about ten players of other Indian Army ranks. It will be the first time a hockey tourist party has visited New Zealand, where the game is growing.

The New Zealand H.A. are still hoping that a British hockey team will visit them in the next year or two.

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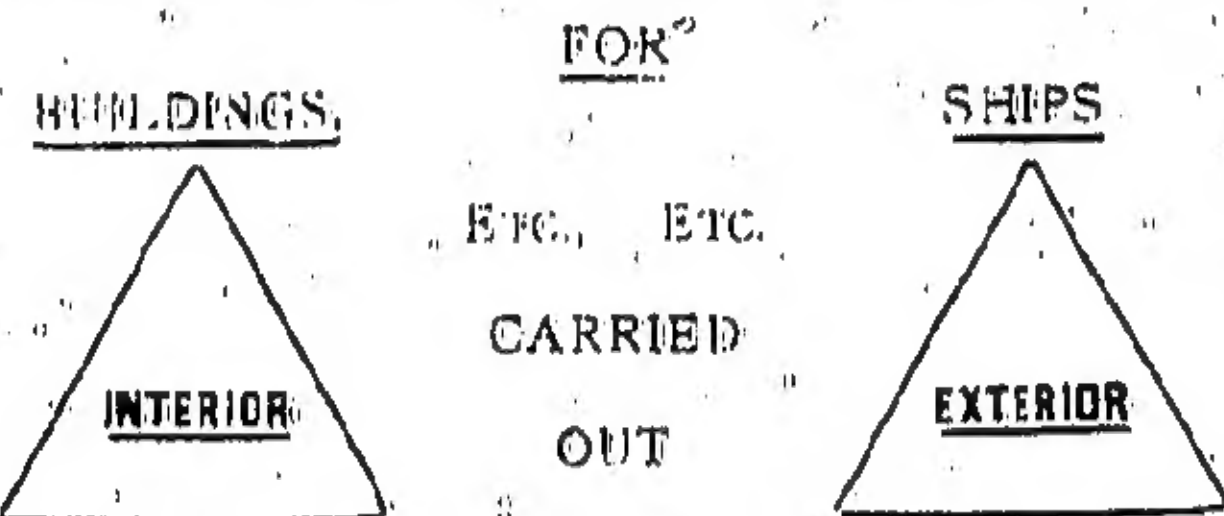
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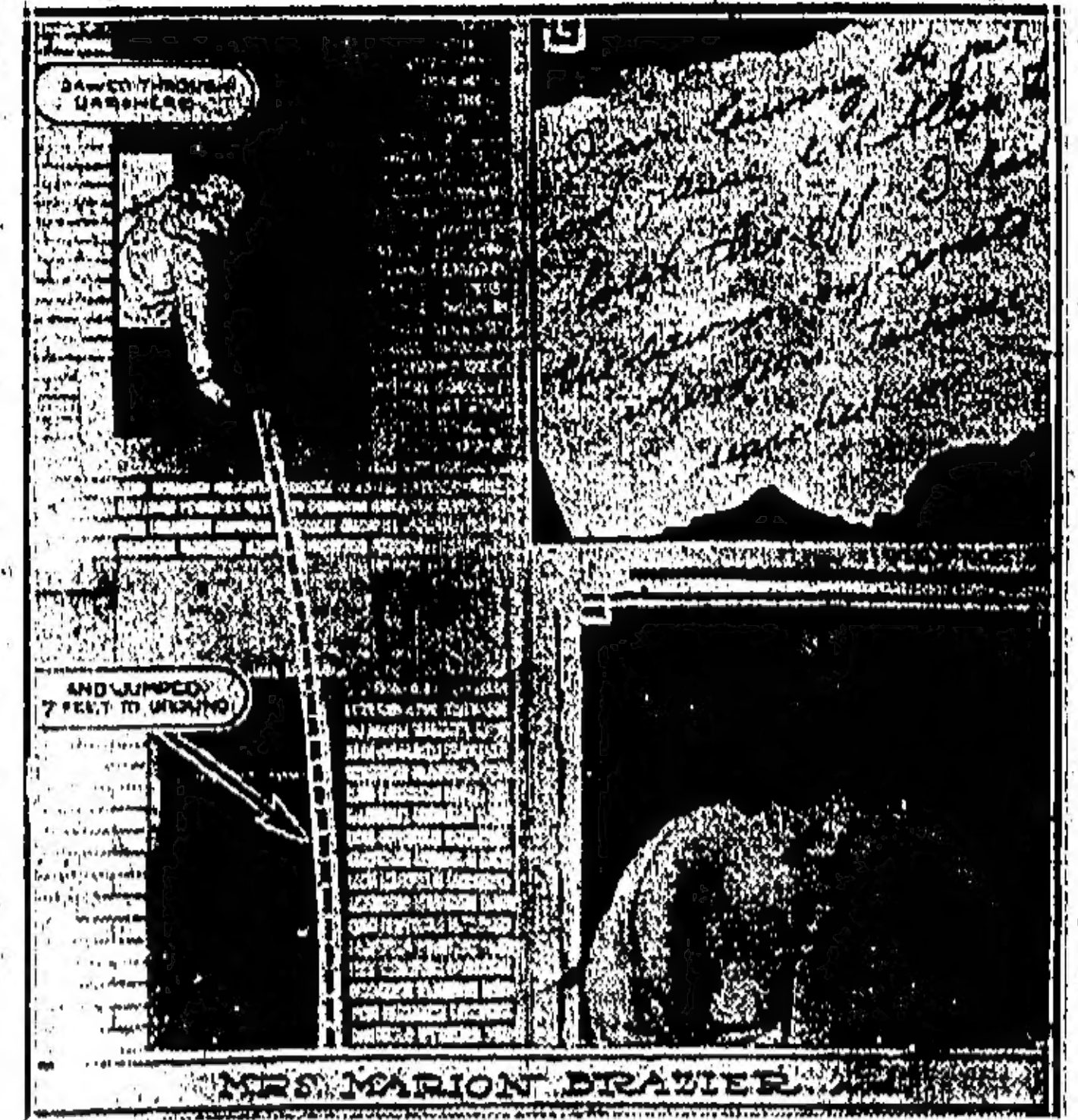


NEW YORK WELCOMES HEROES.
The Mayor of New York greeted Capt. Paul Grening, officers and crew of the "President Harding" which rescued 27 seamen off a foundering freighter in the face of almost certain death.



MRS. DOROTHY INGRAM

Dorothy Ingram, widow of Enrico Caruso, expects to be freed from her second husband, Capt. Ernest Ingram, wealthy Scotsman, through the Paris Courts.



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ANN MURDOCK, the actress, who questions the legality of her marriage to Harry Powers, is suing him for securities she says were entrusted to him.



MAX & SOL LERMAN, twins, 15 years old, look so much alike their teachers cannot tell them apart. They took turns in truancy. Their dad was fined for their misdeeds.



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Canon Carnegie, of Westminster, has denied emphatically that he said: "America is degenerating from a human society into a monkey house." Padewski will never play in Washington again, refusing to appear as a paid performer before statesmen he met in conference when Premier of Poland. Arthur Meighen led the Conservatives to victory in the Canadian elections, defeating, among others, eight members of the Liberal cabinet, including Premier King. Elton Mortimer, who boasted of his influence in Washington, was accused in New York of obtaining \$50 by fraud.



GENERAL SARRAIL

The recall of Gen. Sarraill, commanding the French forces at Damascus, was demanded by the Nationalist element in France as a result of the trouble in Syria.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

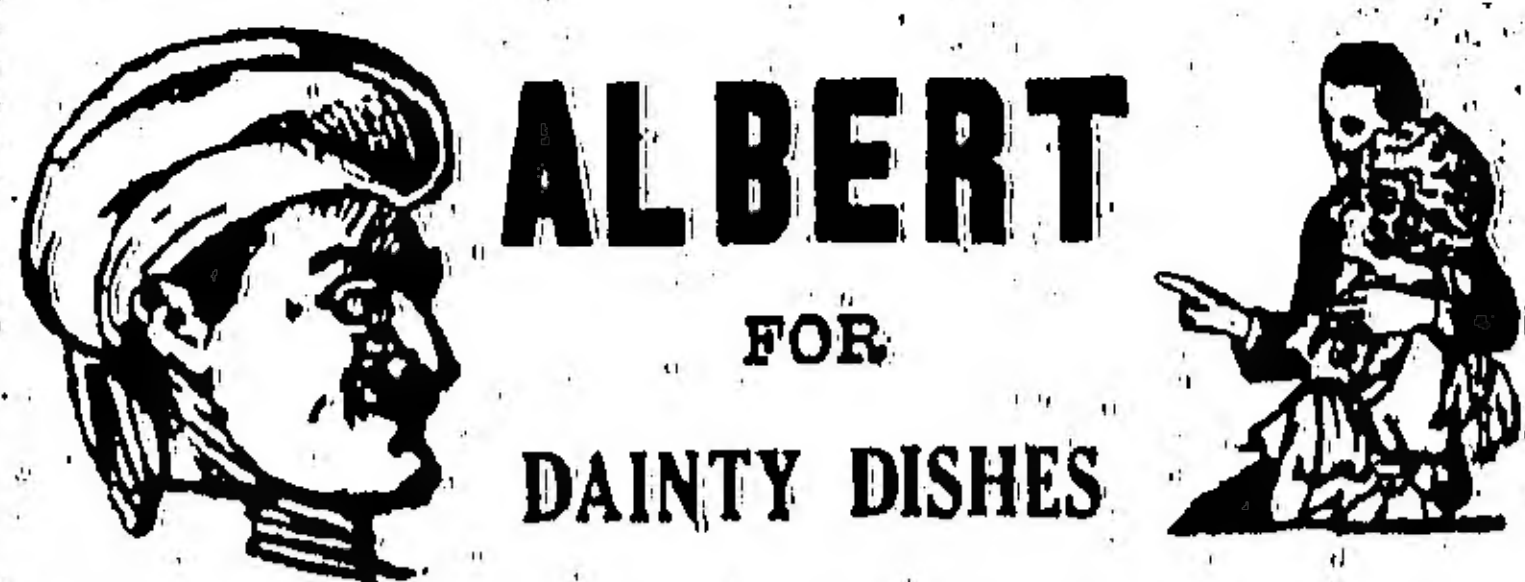


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Signal Station	1774
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An Ex-Premier's Stories.

With a collection of English, Scottish, Irish, and American stories, told to illustrate his subject, "Humour," Lord Morris, the ex-Premier of Newfoundland, kept a large audience amused for an hour and a half at the opening of the English-speaking Union's winter season. Lord Morris said that American humour was more subtle and less on the surface than English, Irish, or Scottish humour. The latter dealt with the common everyday affairs of life; the American left a good deal to the imagination, and it might not be understood outside of its particular locality. There was the story concerning the matter of a written constitution and its interpretation by the judges. A case under the Boston law that prevents the erection of a public-house within 300 yards of a church came before a judge, and he directed that the church should be taken down. Regarding slang, Lord Morris said one who displayed unusual ineptness or perhaps stammered at another too much was known as a "rubber neck." A lady's child, extraordinarily unimpressive, attracted the attention of an Englishman in a car, and the mother, looking at him, said "Fibber." "Thank God, yes," the man rejoined, "I thought it was bad."

The Hangman's Fees.

The hangman whose emolument is a pound's worth of rope round the neck—held rights of execution in the district of the Peak of thirty years, but I rather think this was a matter of jurisdiction, and not of the fact of execution, says a Scots writer. Many families in early days had their jurisdiction, "of life and death," but the only private house I have ever heard of where the gallows still remains is "Cabin Maibly," in Mountmoriston, formerly the seat of the Kemeys-Tynte family, the head of which is the present Lord Wharfedale. He said the last man who was hanged at Lord Trevelyan, who has presented the house to some public authority as a museum. In the reign of Henry III. the hangman for the County of Kent got 20 shillings a year, and until recently the hangman to the Sheriff of the

County of London and County of Middlesex got a salary of a guinea a week and a guinea for each execution with the perquisites of the rope and the clothes of the murderer. He was usually employed by all the other Sheriffs, but what they paid I have no idea. Nowadays perquisites are abolished; one rope hangs many murderers, and the fee is 25 for each execution, with travelling expenses; and there are several executions. In the United States the fee was 250 dollars for each execution, and the official has just resigned because the sum has been reduced to 50 dollars. But there are a lot of informal executions which take place in the wild and woolly West, and at one of them the Sheriff asked for a victim—a negro—if he wished to say anything before he was hanged. "Yes," he replied, "I am the only one out of the whole lot of you that isn't making a bit out of this performance; get on with it."

The Most Influential Man.

"If I were asked to name the most influential member of the Government I should not select the Prime Minister. Mr. Baldwin drifts amiably about from all points of the compass according to any breath of wind that blows upon him or any turn of the tide that overtakes him," writes "A. G. C." in the "Daily News." "Nor should I choose Mr. Churchill in spite of his restless energy and his intrepidity in debate, for Mr. Churchill is an adventurer without any philosophy of life or affairs, except the philosophy of action. I should name the most dour, the most drab, the least popularly attractive figure in the Cabinet. To the public Mr. Leopold Charles Maurice Stennett Amery is a name and nothing more. In private relations he is a man of attractive parts and manners, but in public life no man has reached the front rank with so few of the parts of popular appeal or with so little success in impressing his personality on the public mind."

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th Dec., 1925.

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FROM	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.	PER
Japan	Shanghai	Talamba
Australia and Manila	Wednesday, December 16.	Aki Maru
Canada, U.S.A. Japan & Shanghai	Thursday, December 17.	Empress of Canada
Japan	Friday, December 18.	Haruna Maru
Manila	Monday, December 21.	Pres. Taft
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	Tuesday, December 22.	Pres. Van Buren
Australia and Manila	Wednesday, December 23.	Changsha
Japan	Thursday, December 24.	Tango Maru
Manila	Friday, December 25.	Pres. McKinley
Manila	Saturday, December 26.	Empress of Canada
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Sunday, December 27.	Pres. Wilson
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Monday, December 28.	Pres. Jefferson
Straits	Tuesday, December 29.	Kashima Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.	PER	TIME
Japan	Shanghai and Japan	Samarang Maru	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok		Aki Maru	10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 18th Jan. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Empress of Canada	
Straits and Calcutta (Parcels Noon)		Patroclus	
Letters 1 p.m.		Yuensang	
Manila	Thursday, December 17.	Talamba	5 p.m.
Manila	Friday, December 18.	Haruna Maru	
Hoihow, Fakhoi and Haiphong	Saturday, December 19.	Taming	8.30 a.m.
Japan	Sunday, December 20.	Aki Maru	9.30 a.m.
Swatow	Monday, December 21.	Chenai	10.30 a.m.
Japan & Victoria, B.O.—due Victoria, B.O. 13th Jan 1926	Tuesday, December 22.	Iyo Maru	9.30 a.m.
Manila	Wednesday, December 23.	Empress of Canada	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES 17th Jan 1926. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Thursday, December 24.	Haruna Maru	
Bangkok, Japan, Honolulu, Oahu, U.S.A. & S. America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco 18th Jan. 1926. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Friday, December 25.	Yuensang	10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Parcels Noon)	Saturday, December 26.	Patroclus	
Letters 1 p.m.	Sunday, December 27.	Yuensang	
Manila	Monday, December 28.	Talamba	5 p.m.
Manila	Tuesday, December 29.	Haruna Maru	
Hoihow and Haiphong	Wednesday, December 30.	Taming	8.30 a.m.
Japan	Thursday, December 31.	Aki Maru	9.30 a.m.
Swatow	Friday, January 1, 1926.	Chenai	10.30 a.m.

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